

Hazel

(Corylus avellana)

Hazel can be left as a tree, which can grow to approx. 12m and live up to 80 years or you can choose to coppice (cut down to ground level). This will then return as more of a shrub as it springs back with multiple stems. Coppicing can increase the life-span of a hazel by 3 times, giving it a new expected life-span of 240 years.

Coppicing the plant will also increase the amount of fruits, so if you're a fan of hazelnuts, this may be how you choose to manage your tree. The endless supply of cut wood can be

used for many crafts such as basket making or hurdle fencing, poles for the green beans or peas to grow.

